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ABSTRACT

A passive seismic experiment to monitor the Messina Strait and the whole Calabrian arc began in October 2007 and it is still in progress. Overall about 16 temporary seismic stations were installed on land around the the Strait of Messina and 5 ocean bottom seismometers (OBS) to better monitor the area largely covered by the sea. The network incorporates and upgrades existing seismic stations (more than 20) of the permanent networks located in area. All the data gathered in the Messina 1908-2008 project together with all metadata will be archived in the same SEED data bank and will be accessible by the whole scientific community trough an ArcLink server.'s assemblage of a database and integration of innovative technologies could transform our understanding of the crust and mantle structure of the active tectonics and seismic hazards of the Strait of Messina.

THE RESEARCH PROJECT

To mark the centennial anniversary of the 1908 earthquake that shook Messina, Italy, the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia (INGV) has begun the “Messina 1908-2008” research project.

THE GOALS

Clarify the extension deformation there by merging existing data and studies and by collecting new and more detailed seismological, geodetic, historical and satellite observations.

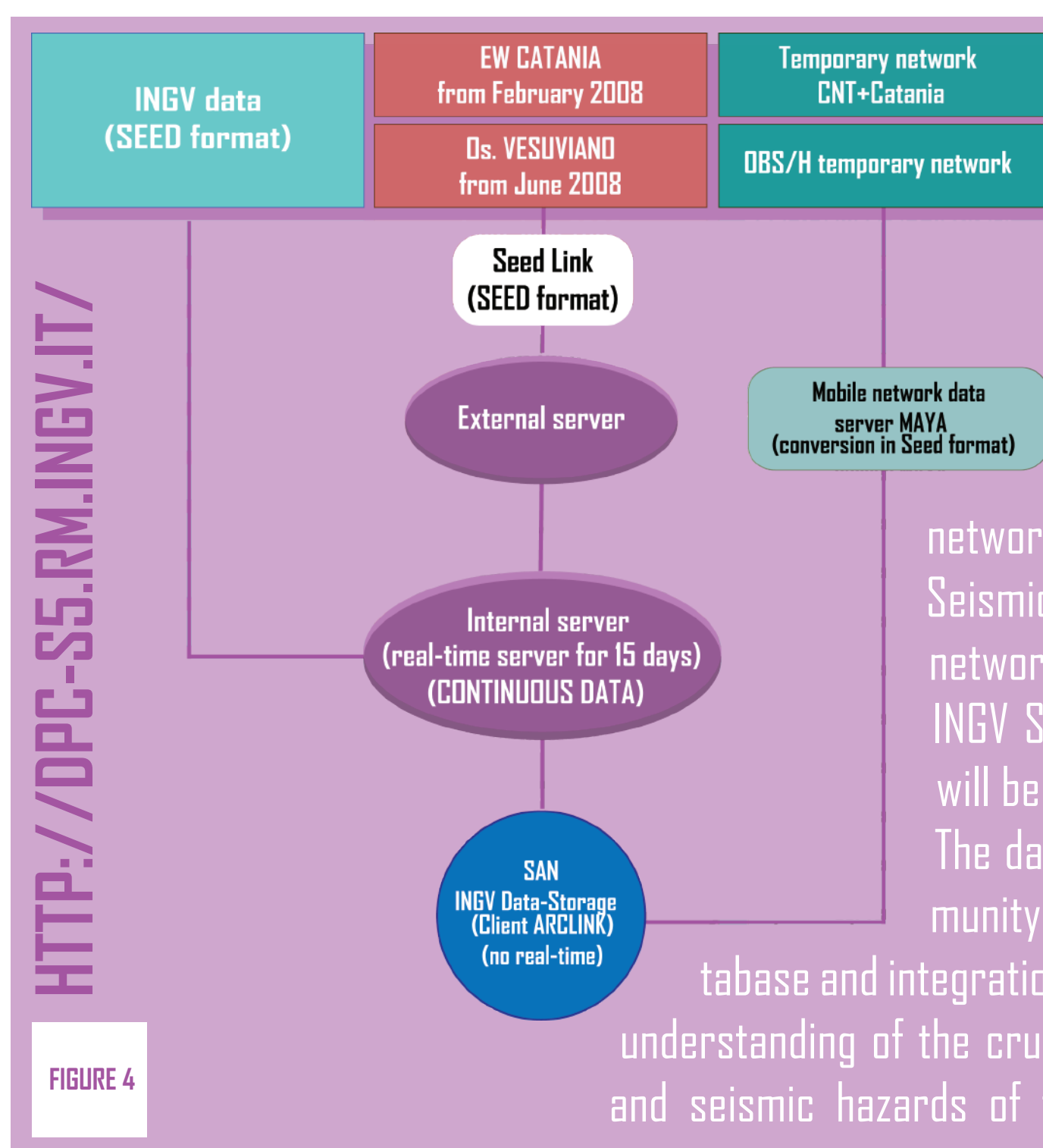
THE LAND-SEA EXPERIMENT

More than 20 permanent seismic stations and 16 temporary stations, were installed at the end of 2007 [Moretti et al., 2008]. In addition, during the summer of 2008, 5 ocean bottom seismometers (OBS) were deployed to better monitor the area largely covered by the sea [D’Anna et al., 2008; 2009].

The passive seismic experiment to monitor the Messina Strait and the whole Calabrian is still in progress [Margheriti et al., 2008].

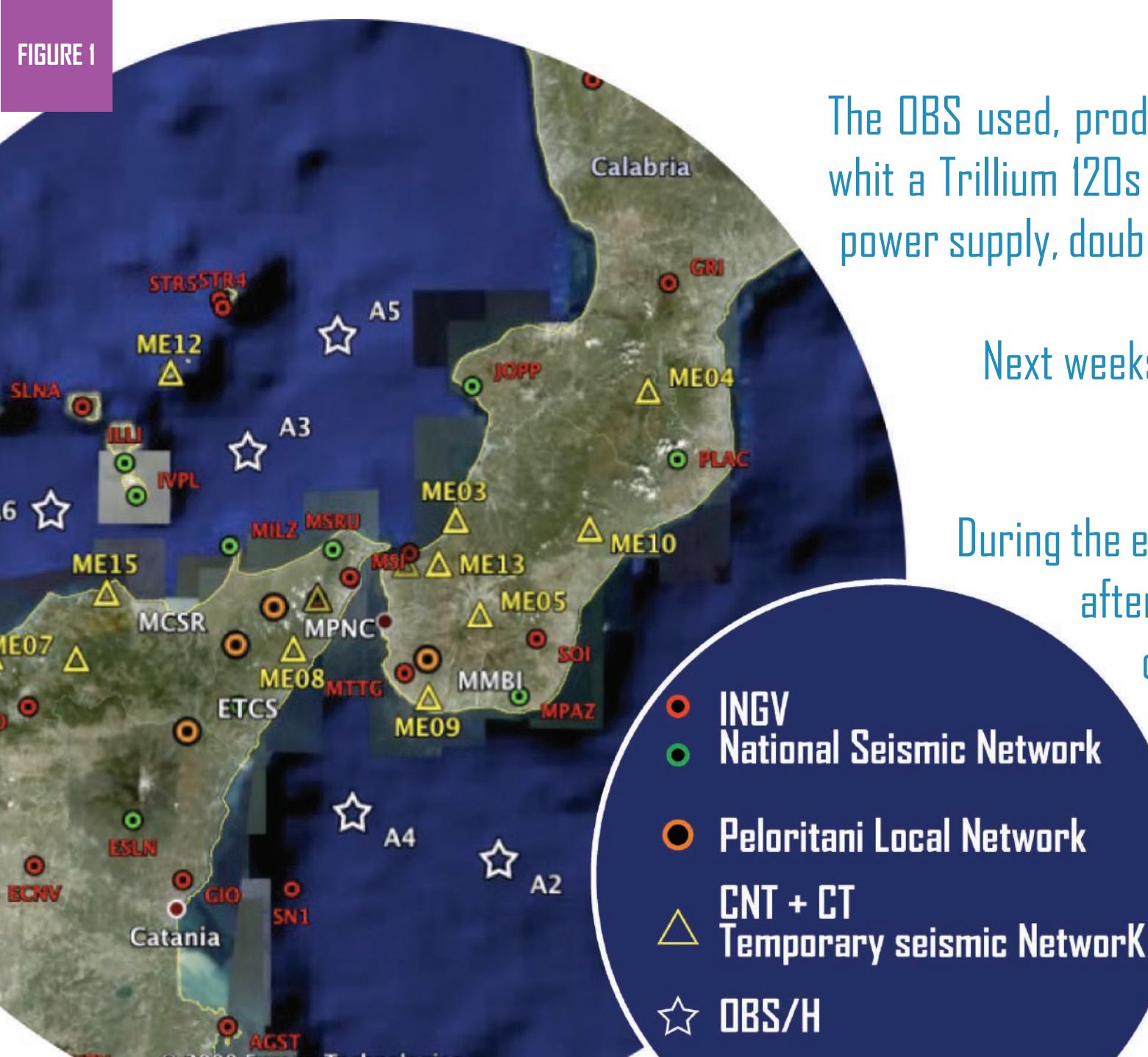
FIGURE 1 - The map of the land-sea temporary seismic network.
TABLE 1 - List of stations of the temporary seismic network (TN = Land network; OBSst = OBS network).

FIGURE 4 - Schetch of the data sources and the role of the data servers in the process of archive building.



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Sign	Location	IN/OUT	Digitizer	Sensor	Net
ME01	Mistretta (ME)	18.10.07/03.02.09	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
ME02	San Fratello (ME)	19.10.07/03.02.09	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
ME03	Palmi (RC)	20.10.07/-	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
ME04	Brognauro (VV)	21.10.07/29.06.08	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
ME05	Diga Del Menta (RC)	22.10.07/-	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
ME06	Antenna a Mare (ME)	15.11.07/13.05.08	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
ME07	Castell'Umberto (ME)	22.11.07/13.05.08	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
ME08	Mali (ME)	08.11.07/-	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
ME09	Pentadattilo (RC)	08.11.07/-	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
ME10	Cittanova (RC)	22.11.07/05.02.09	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
ME11	Novara di Sicilia (ME)	15.11.07/-	Taurus	Le 34-20s	TN
ME12	Panarea (ME)	06.11.07/-	Taurus	Le 34-20s	TN
ME13	Scilla (RC)	08.11.07/08.12.07	Taurus	Le 34-20s	TN
ME14	Gambiarie (RC)	08.11.07/-	Taurus	Le 34-20s	TN
ME15	Giosola Marea	18.11.07/-	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
ME16	Antenna a Mare (ME)	01.09.08/07.02.09	Reftek130	Le 34-5s	TN
A2	South of Strait of Messina	15.0708/07.11.08	Geolion MLS	Trillium120p	OBSst
A3	North of Strait of Messina	18.0708/07.11.08	Geolion MLS	Trillium120p	OBSst
A4	South of Strait of Messina	15.0708/07.11.08	Geolion MLS	Trillium120p	OBSst
A5	North of Strait of Messina	18.0708/07.11.08	Geolion MLS	Trillium120p	OBSst
A6	North of Strait of Messina	18.0708/07.11.08	Geolion MLS	Trillium120p	OBSst

THE OBS

The OBS used, produced by INGV Gibilmanna Observatory, are equipped with a Trillium 120s sensor, an hydrophone (DPG band pass 160s- 2 Hz), power supply, double recovery system and acquisition system on a 24 GB Compact flash.

Next weeks, will begin an other campaign OBS until spring 2010.

PROBLEMS AT SEA

During the experiment, one of the OBS malfunctioned and came up after a few days from installation, thanks to a GPS disposal the OBS A3 was tracked, recovered and reinstalled.

FIGURE 2 - The OBS produced by INGV Gibilmanna Observatory and used during "Messina 1908-2008" experiment.
TABLE 2 - OBS data available (July-November 2008).

FIGURE 3 - Exemples the temporary seismic stations.
TABLE 3 - Seismic network data available.



FIGURE 3

TABLE 2

THE SEISMIC STATIONS

16 temporary seismic digital stations (Reftek and Nanometrics equipped with three-component sensors Lennartz and Nanometrics) were installed at the end of 2007. The network, covering an area of about 120 km radius centered on the city of Messina. In Table 1 the coordinates and types of instrumentation used.

Since February 2009, remained in use 4 stations waiting the second campaign OBS.

Station	Location	Instrument	Net
ME01	Mistretta (ME)	Reftek130	TN
ME02	San Fratello (ME)	Reftek130	TN
ME03	Palmi (RC)	Reftek130	TN
ME04	Brognauro (VV)	Reftek130	TN
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PROBLEMS IN LAND

During the first year of deployment, we had several problems and damages: one station was stolen, one vandalized and one burned in a fire.

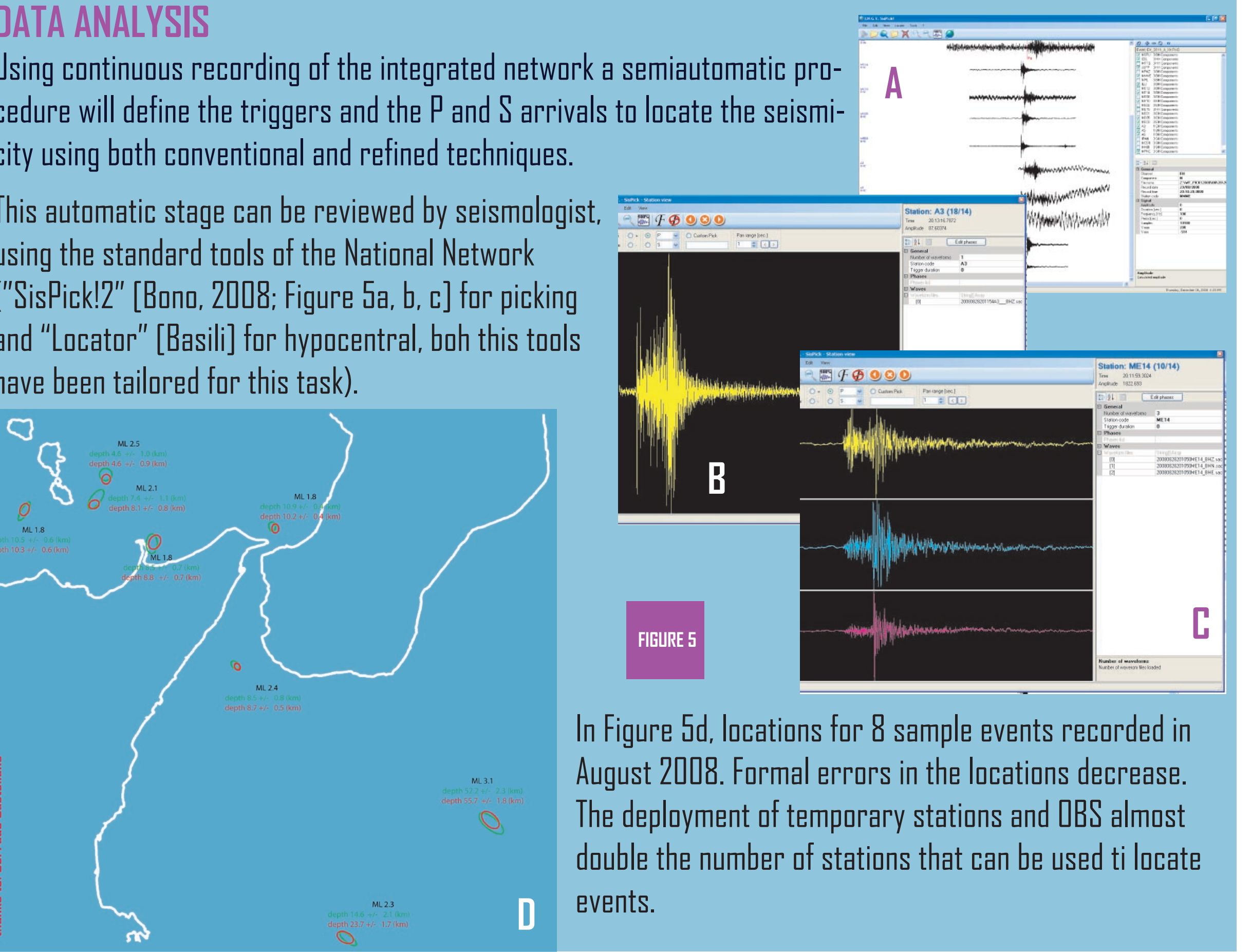


FIGURE 5

In Figure 5d, locations for 8 sample events recorded in August 2008. Formal errors in the locations decrease. The deployment of temporary stations and OBS almost double the number of stations that can be used to locate events.